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Dear Kevin,

If you need to attribute the information about Dimock, it should be attributed to Terri White, EPA Region 3 spokesperson:

Attached is an EPA letter to Cabot Oil & Gas explaining the basis and goals of EPA's investigation in Dimock.

As stated in the letter, our actions in Dimock reflect our longstanding responsibility under federal environmental laws to address threats to public health. The agency's investigation in Dimock is focused solely on water quality in residential wells.

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In Washington County, Pa., EPA has conducted inspections at active industrial operations including well pads and compressor stations. These inspections were done as part of our multi-media enforcement program, which develops comprehensive approaches to address complex and emerging environmental problems. Multi-media inspections are conducted in various industrial sectors to determine their compliance with multiple federal environmental laws including for air, water and hazardous waste.

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> -- Terri

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Definition: multi-media inspections are inspections that look at compliance with several federal environmental statutes - - including air, water and hazardous waste.

There are currently several **multi-media initiatives** underway in EPA Region 3.

You asked about multi-media **inspections** that have been previously conducted. EPA has done at least one multi-media inspection in Pennsylvania in each of the past five years. Multi-media inspections are a regular part of EPA Region 3's compliance and enforcement program.

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Hello Bonnie-

We’re wondering when the last EPA Multi-media investigation was done in Pa., prior to the Washington County one noted in the Post-Gazette, and prior to Dimock (if that’s Multi-media).

Thank you.

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